already been initiated. CAG and Prasar Bharati are currently engaged in correspondence in this regard.

Fee hike by cable operators

2031. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cable operators are proposing to hike their monthly fee by 100 per cent on the ground that the broadcasters have arbitrarily increased their service charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the broadcasters suspect that the cable operators under report, the number of cable connection*) thereby putting the broadcasters to loss; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider undertaking an independent survey to resolve the dispute and rationalise the cable fee structure with a view to providing some relief to the public?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Cable operators are threatening to effect heafty hike in their monthly fee.

(b) the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is currently seized of the matter.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Publications of foreign newspapers and magazines

2032. SHRI R.SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign newspapers and news magazines being published in the country; and

(b) what are the guidelines issued to such newspapers or magazines?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The extant print media policy of the Government prohibits publication of any foreign newspapers or news magazines in India. In pursuance of this policy, no foreign newspapers or news magazines have been permitted to be published. However, this